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1. PER REQUEST REFTEL, WHALING NATIONS MEMBERS OF IWC ARE JAPAN, SOVIET UNION, BRAZIL, NORWAY, ICELAND, DENMARK, AUSTRALIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. NONWHALING MEMBER NATIONS ARE ARGENTINA, MEXICO, FRANCE, U. S., CANADA, U. K., AND PANAMA. IWC HAS FOR SEVERAL YEARS BEEN ENCOURAGING WHALING NATIONS CURRENTLY NOT MEMBERS OF IWC TO BECOME MEMBERS. NATIONS INVOLVED ARE CHILE, PERU, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, SOUTH KOREA, AND THE SOMALI REPUBLIC.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER SHOULD INFORM GON THAT WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY EFFORT BY IWC WHALING NATIONS TO RETALIATE IN OTHER FIELDS SUCH AS FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE OF ADVOCACY BY
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NON-WHALING IWC MEMBERS OF WHALE CONSERVATION PROPOSALS.

3. EMBASSY OFFICER MAY FIND IT APPROPRIATE ALSO TO NOTE
THAT ALL MAJOR ACTS IN IWC ARE TAKEN BY THREE-QUARTERS VOTE.

4. FYI DEPT. HAS BEEN INFORMED UNOFFICIALLY THAT THE
NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN SOME ACTION TOWARD BE-
COMING A MEMBER OF IWC. OUR INFORMATION REFERS TO A DE-
CISION BY THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, RECREATION AND WELFARE
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